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FORMER FUGITIVE ARRESTED IN INDONESIA PLEADS GUILTY TO USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT TWO MINOR GIRLS

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JACK DAVIS CARTER, 47, of Houston, Texas pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Oliver W. Wanger to one count of using the Internet to attempt to commit lewd acts with two minor children.

CARTER admitted that he used the Internet from approximately November 18, 2003, through December 5, 2003, in an attempt to meet whom he believed to be an 8-year old girl and a 10-year old girl for purposes of engaging in lewd acts with them and an adult female caretaker. He admitted that he traveled from his residence in Houston, Texas to Sacramento, California with the intention of meeting the adult female and two minor girls in Turlock, California. However, he in fact was communicating with an undercover detective with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

A grand jury in Fresno returned an indictment against CARTER on October 28, 2004, and a warrant for his arrest was issued. CARTER became a fugitive and eventually was located in Indonesia. He was returned from Jakarta to Fresno on August 30, 2005. His return to the United States was the culmination of an extensive international search coordinated by the United States Marshals Service and the Central Valley Joint Fugitive Task Force based in Fresno.

CARTER also has been sought by the Texas Attorney General's Office, Cyber Crimes Unit. According to information provided by that office, between November and December 2003 CARTER used the Internet to arrange a meeting for sex with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl, but who was actually an undercover investigator. On June 3, 2004, the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston obtained an indictment against CARTER for criminal solicitation of a child, a third-degree felony in Texas, with a punishment ranging from 2 to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. That case remains pending against CARTER.

According to David L. Gappa, who prosecuted the case, CARTER agreed to accept a prison term of 5 years, and a period of supervised release of 15 years when he is sentenced on October 31, 2006.